

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (original). A blender system, comprising:

a base having a means for rotating a shaft, a recessed well positioned at a top of the base, a pressure-actuated switch positioned about the periphery of the recessed well, and one or more locking grooves;

a container comprising an opening at one end and a base at a second end, the body being tapered at the second end; a handle coupled to an exterior of the body; one or more locking members in spaced relation about a periphery of the opening of the body, wherein the locking members are engageable with the locking grooves;

a ring selectively attachable and removable from the periphery of the opening;  
and

a means for agitating contents of the container, the means selectively attachable and removable from the opening of the body.

2. (original) The blender system of claim 1 further comprising a lid having a generally planar top and a wall coupled to a periphery of the top, the top having a plurality of openings, and wherein the lid is selectively attachable and removable from the opening of the container.

3. (original) The blender system of claim 1 wherein the container further comprises one or more threads positioned on the periphery of the opening.

4. (original) The blender system of claim 3 wherein the ring comprises at least one wall and a lip coupled to a top of the at least one wall.

5. (original) The blender system of claim 1 wherein the container further comprises one or more ridges positioned on an interior of the body.

6. (original) The blender system of claim 1 wherein the agitating means comprises a mixer base and one or more blades rotatably coupled to the mixer base.

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14. (original) A blender system, comprising:

a base having a means for rotating a shaft, a recessed well positioned at a top of the base, a pressure-actuated switch positioned about the periphery of the recessed well, and one or more locking grooves;

a container comprising an opening at one end and a base at a second end, the body being tapered at the second end; a handle coupled to an exterior of the body; one or more locking members in spaced relation about a periphery of the opening of the

body, wherein the locking members are engageable with the locking grooves; and one or more container threads positioned about the periphery of the opening;

a ring comprising at least one ring wall and a lip, the lip coupled to a top of the at least one ring wall, the ring wall having one or more ring threads positioned on an interior portion the ring wall, the ring threads selectively attachable and removable from the container threads;

a means for agitating contents of the container, the means selectively attachable and removable from the container threads; and

a lid having a generally planar top and a lid wall coupled to a periphery of the top, the top having a plurality of openings, and wherein the lid is selectively attachable and removable from the container threads.

15. (original) The blender system of claim 14 wherein the agitating means comprises a mixer base and one or more blades rotatably coupled to the mixer base.

16. (original) The blender system of claim 14 wherein the openings on the lid are positioned on a portion of the lid.

17. (original) The blender system of claim 14 wherein the lid further comprises one or more threads positioned on an interior of the lid wall.

18. (original) The blender system of claim 14 wherein the container further comprises one or more ridges positioned on an interior of the body.